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PATENT
CASE NO. 10544/169

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:)
Vladimir V. Protopopov)
Serial No.: 10/035,025) Group Art Unit: 2882
Filed: December 28, 2001) Examiner: Gemmell, Elizabeth M.
For: DARK-FIELD PHASE)
CONTRAST IMAGING)

DECLARATION OF VLADIMIR V. MARTYNOV AND YURIY PLATONOV

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

We, Vladimir V. Martynov and Yuriy Platonov hereby declare that:

1. Upon information and belief, we aver to the following facts:

2. Our names, residence, mailing address, and country of citizenship are given below:

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3. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application specification, including the claims.


4. We, Vladimir V. Marytnov and Yuriy Platonov, did not contribute to the inventions recited in the claims presently pending in the above-identified application.

5. We, Vladimir V. Marytnov and Yuriy Platonov, did not convey any information to Vladimir V. Protopopov, the listed inventor of the above-identified application, on or prior to December 28, 2001 that could be deemed to show that either one of us contributed to the inventions recited in the claims presently pending in the above-identified application.

6. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United

States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 05/02/03



Vladimir V. Martynov

Dated: 05/02/03



Yuriy Platonov